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SUBJ: CCMS: SPRING PLENARY - BELGIAN DRAFT REVISION OF 1970 NATO  
OIL SPILLS RESOLUTION

REF: A) USNATO 1406 B) USNATO 1003 C) USNATO 5332 9/30/74

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SUMMARY: FOLLOW ARE MISSION'S COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATION WITH  
RESPECT TO DRAFT REVISION OF 1970 OIL SPILLS RESOLUTION WHICH  
BELGIUM NOW PLANS TO TABLE AT SPRING PLEANARY, FOR APPROVAL BY  
CCMS IN FALL (REF.A). END SUMMARY.

1. WE WOULD SUM UP AIMS OF BELGIAN - PROPOSED REVISION AND UP-  
DATING OF 1970 NAOT OIL SPILLS (REF. B) AS THE FOLLOWING:

--TO REAFFIRM ALLIANCE SUPPORT FOR THE OBJECTIVES OF THE 1970  
RESOLUTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS.

--TO RECOGNIZE CONTRIBUTION OF CCMS THUS FAR AND TO ACKNOWLEDGE  
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PROGRESS ACHIEVED IN FIELD SINCE 1970 BOTH NATIONALLY AND INTER-  
NATIONALLY - ESPECIALLY WITHIN PROGRAM OF IMCO (FOR WHICH 1970  
NATO ACTION PROVIDED A MAJOR STIMULUS AND EVEN SPECIFIC TIMETABLE  
AND HEIGHTENED PRIORITIES WHICH ESSENTIALLY INCORPORATED INTO IMCO' S

SUBSEQUENT ACCELERATED AND EXPANDED WORK PROGRAM, AS US AND OTHER ALLIED EXPERTS HAVE TOLD US HERE).

--TO POINT OUT THAT SCOPE FOR ACTION IN THIS FIELD IS FAR FROM EXHAUSTED AND TO IDENTIFY WHAT CONTRIBUTION THE ALLIANCE MAY YET MAKE, UNDER ORIGINAL 1970 COMMITMENT BY NATO MEMBER COUNTRIES, TO REINFORCE INTERNATIONAL EFFORTS TO DEAL WITH STILL UNSOLVED PROBLEMS OF OIL SPILLS.

2. THE SEPTEMBER 1974 EXPERTS MEETING (REF.C) WHICH REVIEWED 1970 RESOLUTION TEXT CONCLUDED THAT, OF TASKS SET FORTH IN ORIGINAL RESOLUTION, IT WAS IN SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL AREA THAT NEED FOR FURTHER WORK AT THIS STAGE WAS MOST APPARENT AND AT SAME TIME NOT ON NEAR TERM INTERNATIONAL WORK PROGRAM ELSEWHERE, AND THAT IT WAS HERE THAT CCMS MIGHT MOST USEFULLY AND APPROPRIATELY MAKE FURTHER CONTRIBUTION - INDEED THAT CCMS HAD DEMONSTRATED A PARTICULAR EFFECTIVENESS IN FOSTERING THE TYPE OF TECHNICAL EXCHANGE AND ASSESSMENT ENVISAGED.

3. FOLLOWING THE OCTOBER 1974 EXPERTS MEETING AND IN ANTICIPATION OF ISSUANCE BY BELGIUM OF REVISED TEXT, U.S. REP (DEPUTY SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION JOHN BARNUM) EXPRESSED SUPPORT AT OCT 1974 CCMS PLENARY FOR FURTHER CCMS CONTRIBUTION ALONG THESE LINES. FOR INFO POSTS, FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF OCT 1974 BARNUM STATEMENT TO CCMS ON SUBJECT:

BEGIN TEXT:

THE UNITED STATES APPRECIATES THE BELGIUM GOVERNMENT'S INITIATIVE IN CALLING THE SEPTEMBER 26 AND 27 FOLLOW-UP MEETING OF EXPERTS ON OIL SPILLS. THE U.S. DELEGATION WISHES TO MENTION ITS POSITION CONCERNING THE ROLE OF CCMS IN MARINE POLLUTION RELATIVE TO THE ROLES OF OTHER ORGANIZATIONS, PARTICULARLY IMCO.

IN THE VIEW OF THE UNITED STATES, CCMS SHOULD AT THIS JUNCTURE ACTIVELY UNDERTAKE THE PROMOTION OF SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL INFORMATION SHARING. THIS SHARING WILL FOSTER A UNITED APPROACH TO THE SOLUTION OF OUR COMMON ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS. THE ALLIES, ACTING THROUGH CCMS, SHOULD NOW ASSUME UNCLASSIFIED

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AN ACTIVIST ROLE, SEEKING CONCRETE SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL SOLUTIONS EITHER DIRECTLY THROUGH POSITIVE ACTION OR INDIRECTLY BY CONTINUING TO SUPPORT AND ENCOURAGE THE WORK OF OTHER INTERNATIONAL BODIES ACTIVE IN THE FIELD. IN THIS MANNER, WE WILL EFFECT MEANINGFUL PROGRESS TO THE BENEFIT OF ALL.

I EMPHASIZE THAT THE UNITED STATES FULLY SUPPORTS AND APPLAUDS THE PROJECTED WORK PROGRAM OF IMCO PURSUANT TO THE 1973 MARINE POLLUTION CONFERENCE RESOLUTIONS. RECOGNIZING THE POTENTIAL OF INCREASED EXCHANGE OF TECHNICAL AND SCIENTIFIC INFORMATION, IT IS THE OPINION OF MY DELEGATION THAT ACTIVE INVOLVEMENT OF CCMS IN MARINE POLLUTION MATTERS WILL ALSO BE ADVANTAGEOUS. AS FOR ANY POSSIBLE DUPLICATION

OF EFFORT BY CCMS AND IMCO, IT IS THE VIEW OF THE UNITED STATES DELEGATION THAT CCMS HAS MUCH TO CONTRIBUTE AS A FORUM FOR SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL EXCHANGE WHICH WOULD NOT DUPLICATE OR CONFLICT WITH THE IMCO WORK PROGRAM. AS CONCERNED NATIONS, WE MUST TAKE ADVANTAGE OF EVERY OPPORTUNITY TO MEET THE CONTINUING CHALLENGES POSED BY ACCIDENTAL DISCHARGE INTO THE MARINE ENVIRONEMTN.

END TEXT.

5. IN OUR VIEW, BELGIAN DRAFT FULLY MEEETS U.S. CRITERIA. THUS, WHILE BELGIANS DO NT SEEK FORMAL CCMS APPROVAL OF RES AT FORTHCOMING SPRING PLENARY BUT ONLY AT FALL PLEANARY THIS YEAR, WE RECOMMEND U.S. DELEGATION TO CCMS AT FOTHCOMING MEETING EXPRESS STRONG SUPPORT FOR BELGIAN DRAFT AND FOR ITS APPROVAL BY CCMS IN FALL. IN PRE-PLENARY CONSULTATIONS WITH ALLIES IN CAPITALS IN COMING WEEKS REGAFDING PLEANARY AGENDA AND U.S. VIEWS, WE MIGHT SEEK ENCOURAGE THEM TO JOIN U.S. VIEWS, WE MIGHT SEEK ENCOURAGE THEM TO JOIN U.S. AT CCMS PLENARY IN EXPRESSING SIMILAR SUPPORT FOR BELGIAN INITIATIVE AT THIS STAGE.  
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